

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 11 (Cancelled)

Claim 12 (new): In combination, a spa cover, a spa housing and a spa cover remover,

said spa cover remover comprising a pair of lifting arms;

said lifting arms having opposite first and second ends;

a pair of lifting arm supports;

pivotal connections between said lifting arm supports, said pivotal connections allowing pivotatation of said lifting arms between raised and lowered positions;

a spa cover engagement structure at said second ends for lifting engagement with said spa cover;

spring means connected with said first ends of said lifting arms and biasing said lifting arms, whereby said spring means assists the pivotatation of said lifting arms to the raised position to raise the spa cover engagement structure and therewith said spa cover; and

spring enclosures enclosing said spring means.

Claim 13 (new): The spa cover and the spa cover remover as claimed in claim 12, including means for longitudinally adjusting the positions of said spring means.

Claim 14 (new): The spa cover and the spa cover remover as claimed in claim 12, wherein said

spring means has a first spring end, a link connecting said first spring end to said first end of the respective lifting arms, a second spring end and a connection anchoring said second spring end.

Claim 15 (new): The spa cover and the spa cover remover as claimed in claim 14, wherein said connection is adjustable to vary the position of said second spring end

Claim 16 (new): The spa cover and the spa cover remover as claimed in claim 15, wherein said connection is a longitudinally adjustable connection between said second spring end and a respective one of said spring enclosures.

Claim 17 (new): The spa cover and the spa cover remover as claimed in claim 12, including means for securing said spring enclosures to opposite sides of the spa housing and pivotal connections between said first ends of said lifting arms and respective ones of said spring enclosures.

Claim 18 (new): A spa cover remover, comprising:-

a pair of lifting arms;

a pair of supports;

pivotal connections between said supports and said lifting arms;

a pair of tension springs connected to respective ones of said lifting arms;

a pair of elongate housings extending at an angle to said lifting arms; and

said housings containing said tension springs.

Claim 19 (new): The spa cover remover as claimed in claim 18, including connections between said tension springs and said housings, said connections being adjustable longitudinally of said housings.

Claim 20 (new): The spa cover remover as claimed in claim 19, wherein said connections each include a threaded adjustment member.

Claim 21 (new): The spa cover remover as claimed in claim 19, wherein said housings each have a housing end remote from the respective one of said lifting arms, and an end closure on said housing end, and wherein said connections include threaded adjustment members anchored in said end closures.

Claim 22 (new): The spa cover remover as claimed in claim 18, wherein said elongate housings have ends, said supports are secured to said ends of said elongate housings and wherein the pivotal connections are proximate to and spaced from respective ends of said lifting arms.

Claim 23 (new): A spa cover remover, comprising:

a pair of spa cover lifting arms;

said lifting arms each having a first end and a second end;

a pair of lifting arm supports;

a pair of pivotal connections between said spa cover lifting arms and said lifting arm supports;

a spa cover engagement structure at said second ends of said spa cover lifting arms;

springs biasing said spa cover lifting arms, whereby said springs assist said lifting arms about said pivotal connections to raise said spa cover engagement structures from a lowered position towards a raised position; and

spring housings enclosing said springs.

Claim 24 (new): The spa cover remover as claimed in claim 23, including links connecting said springs to said spa cover lifting arms.

Claim 25 (new): The spa cover remover as claimed in claim 24, wherein said spa cover lifting arms are formed with slots and said links extend from said spring housings through said slots into said spa cover lifting arms.

Claim 26 (new): The spa cover remover as claimed in claim 23, wherein said lifting arm supports are provided on said spring housings.

Claim 27 (new): The spa cover remover as claimed in claim 23, including connections between said springs and said spring housings, said connections being adjustable for varying the tensions of said springs in the lowered positions of said spa cover lifting arms.

Claim 28 (new): A spa cover remover, comprising:-

a pair of lifting arms;

said lifting arms each having a first end and a second end;

a pair of tension springs each extending at an angle relative to a respective one of said lifting arms;

connections between said tension springs and said first ends of respective ones of said lifting

arms;

a spa engagement structure at said second ends of said lifting arms;

a pair of lifting arm support; and

a pair of pivotal connections between said lifting arms and said lifting arm supports;

said connections being located between said first and second ends of respective ones of said lifting arms.

Claim 29 (new): A spa cover as claimed in claim 28, including a pair of spring housings enclosing respective ones of said springs.

Claim 30 (new): A spa cover remover as claimed in claim 29, wherein said lifting arms are pivotable about said pivotal connections between raised and lowered positions and said housings each have an open end, said springs being connected to said lifting arms through said open ends and said first ends of said lifting arms covering said open ends of said housings on pivotation of said lifting arms into said raised positions.

Claim 31 (new): A spa cover remover as claimed in claim 28, wherein each of said tension springs has a spring tension adjuster.

Claim 32 (new): A spa cover remover as claimed in claim 29, wherein said lifting arm supports are provided on said housings.